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1. AN ORAL RESPONSE FROM THE SOVIET SIDE TO LEISE LETTER
(REF B) WAS RECEIVED IN MAY BY MEMBER OF A VISITING US
DELEGATION. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING WHITELEY LETTER TO
IVANOV AND KARAVAYKO, WITH COPIES TO SHENDEREY, AYKAZYAN
AND INASHVILI.

2. 01.0706 - JULY 5, 1978

DR. M. V. IVANOV
DR. G. I. KARAVAYKO
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PUSCHINO, U.S.S.R.

DEAR DRS. IVANOV AND KARAVAYKO:

OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS OUR TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING
TO ARRANGE THE FIRST MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT PROJECT

GROUP ON GEOMICROBIOLOGY. UNFORTUNATELY, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DRS. LEISE AND UPDEGRAFF AND DR. SHENDEREY AND YOURSELVES HAVE-ROSSED IN THE MAILS AND NO FIRM DATE HAS YET BEEN SET. OUR CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATIONS HAS BEEN OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, WHEREAS THE SOVIET SIDE HAS UTILIZED INTERNATIONAL MAIL OR THE SERVICES OF AMERICANS RETURNING FROM VISITS TO THE USSR. TO ASSURE THE TIMELY RECEIPT BY BOTH SIDES OF COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING OUR JOINT PROGRAM I REQUEST THAT BOTH SIDES USE OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AS THE OFFICIAL CHANNEL.

I UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMAL WORD WAS RECEIVED BY THE US SIDE IN EARLY JUNE REGARDING DR. LEISE'S LETTER TO YOU OF APRIL 12 PROPOSING THAT A SYMPOSIUM ON GEOMICROBIOLOGY BE HELD IN THE USSR DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MONTH. IN HIS LETTER DR. LEISE INDICATED THAT IF YOU STRONGLY PREFERRED, THE SYMPOSIUM COULD BE HELD IN THE US. THE GIST OF THE ORAL RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 12 LETTER, AS RELAYED TO ME, WAS THAT BECAUSE OF SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULES THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED AN AUTUMN TIMING FOR THE SYMPOSIUM, EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

IT IS OBVIOUSLY TOO LATE TO ORGANIZE A SYMPOSIUM PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER. I SHALL BE IN THE USSR THE WEEK OF JULY 16 FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. I HOPE THERE WILL

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BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO MEET WITH YOU ON EITHER JULY 20 OR 21 FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE JOINT PROGRAM ON GEOMICROBIOLOGY AND TO SET A DATE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HELEN R. WHITELEY
CHAIRMAN, US SIDE OF THE JOINT WORKING
GROUP ON THE PRODUCTION OF SUBSTANCES
BY MICROBIOLOGICAL MEANS

CC: DR. SHENDEREY
-- DR. AYKAZYAN
-- MR. INASHVILI VANCE

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